MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to investigations completed in 1110, may I know why the work was not completed in 1111?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): May I know, Sir, which work the member is referring to.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to item No. 2, may I know why the work was not commenced in 1111?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): First of all the estimate was prepared and sent by the Division Officer, Quilon, and later on by the Irrigation Division Officer when the Minor Irrigation Division was formed. He had to prepare a fresh estimate and that has been submitted to Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to item No. 4?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The estimate has been sanctioned by the Government in May.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What about item No 5?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The works have been completed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What about item No. 6?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The work has now been completed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Item No. 7?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Some work was done in that channel and it was found that it had many curves. So a new channel was cut and it was found that it carried so much water and that it would break away the banks. So, it is proposed to investigate and endeavour to get a better line, so that the flow will be controlled.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are all these works to be commenced as soon as the administrative sanction is obtained from Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, Sir.

Restoration of Minor Irrigation works in Nedumangad.

179. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the "Kaladikonathu *chira*" and "Kakathottil *ana*" were restored;

(*b*) for what purpose they were restored;

(*c*) at what cost they were restored;

(*d*) whether, even when the work of restoration was under progress, the people of the locality have petitioned the Government and the authorities of the P. W. D. that the work of restoration was not carried on properly;

(*e*) whether water cess is levied for the work restored;

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[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

(*f*) whether people have memorialised Government and petitioned the Revenue authorities that the above two works are not at all useful for paddy cultivation as they remain now, and water cess be abolished or suspended;

(*g*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner, upon the petition of the people, has not inspected the above two minor irrigation works; and

(*h*) if the answer to (*g*) is in the affirmative, when he inspected and what was the final result of the inspection?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) There appears to be no *chira* by name Kaladikonathu *chira* but Kulavikonathu *chira* was restored in 1106 and Kakathottil Anicut was constructed in 1108.

(*b*) To facilitate irrigation purposes.

(*c*) Rs. 736-9-2 for Kulavikonathu *chira* and Rs. 634-24-9 for Kakathottil anicut.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) On 27-8-1934. The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner submitted a report to Government. After consideration of his report, the Government have instructed the Land Revenue Commissioner to take immediate steps to stop the excess collection of the cess. They have also asked the Chief Engineer to send up urgently an estimate for necessary improvements to the *chira* and anicut.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know from the Government whether, as a result of the construction of the *Chira*, it has facilitated irrigation at any time?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The reason for that was to augment the flow of water.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Part (*b*) of the question is "for what purpose they were restored" and the answer is "to facilitate irrigation purposes". I wish to know whether as a result of the restoration of that *Ana* and *Chira* it has facilitated irrigation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not altogether.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long since people were paying irrigation cess?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have not any information whether they have paid it or not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what was the report of the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner upon the complaint?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner reported that there was not much water in the tank at the time.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has reported that there was sufficient water in the *Chira* to facilitate Irrigation purposes?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): At the time of his inspection there was insufficient water.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): As a result of Government instructions, may I know what action the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has taken to stop excess collection of cess?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It has been communicated to the Land Revenue Commissioner not to collect excess water cess.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the subordinate officers, to whom it is communicated, have discontinued the collection of the cess?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government have no information on the subject.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government what action the Chief Engineer has taken as per the orders of Government issued to the Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Sub-Division Officer was asked to send a report and he has sent a report containing the proposals for inproving the *Chira*.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the date on which the Divisional Officer was instructed to submit his report to the Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a recent order; for the exact date, I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the date on which Government instructed the Chief Engineer to submit the necessary estimate for the improvement?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): 28th June 1936.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the *Chira* and the *Ana*, so that the necessary estimate may be prepared?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) The Chief Engineer does not prepare the estimates nor does he inspect for the purpose of preparing estimates.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer scrutinises the estimates prepared by his subordinates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) May I know whether it is not necessary that the Chief Engineer must inspect the sites so that the scrutiny may be effective?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is not always workable.

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